

ART NEWS AND COMMENTS.

THE WEEK IN ART CIRCLES.

NOTES ON THE EXHIBITIONS—ART NEWS.

ABROAD.

The New-York Etching Club has made arrangements with the Water-Color Society for a continuance of the exhibitions of etchings in connection with the exhibition of the society. The Etching Club will occupy the corridor. It is said that the members of the club have learned wisdom by experience, and that they propose to offer a small, well-chosen collection of etchings which shall represent art, not the manufacture of huge plates. It is most unfortunate that so many others should have consented to aid a decline of the art which is now a familiar story, although when this decline was predicted six years ago, there were many who, for some inscrutable reason, construed the warning as "an attack" upon American art. It is apparent now that the misapplication of etching, the recognition of plates embodying none of the art's vital qualities, and overproduction have worked a serious injury. It was within the power of the Etching Club to make a stand against the "craze" and its demands, but a different policy was adopted, and of late the exhibitions of the club have offered little to amateurs. It is unlikely that there will be a revival of the "etching fever" on the part of the public, but the Etching Club can present worthy examples of the art, and regain the interest and confidence of intelligent amateurs. There can be no doubt of the ability of an organization which contains etchers like Messrs. Platt, Parrish, Gifford, Bachar, Yale, J. D. Smith, and half a dozen others.

The exhibition of the Society of American Artists will be opened to the public at the Fifth Avenue Art Galleries a week from to-morrow. There will be the usual private view on Friday next.

Messrs. Reichard & Co. have opened an exhibition of paintings and studies in Japan by Mr. John La Farge, whose notes in the "Century" magazine have indicated the attractiveness of the country to an artist, particularly an artist with a special feeling for color. In fact, Japan seems likely to become a favorite sketching ground. Some years ago Mr. Gray exhibited a collection of Japanese studies at the American Art Galleries. In 1885 the Reichard gallery contained Mr. Theodore Wores' interesting paintings of Japanese life, which were afterward shown in London, where Japanese subjects seem to have become almost as popular as in Paris. In London, Japan was first Mr. Mortimer Menpes' chief study abroad for some time past, and the year Mr. Alcott Easton seems to have been remarkably successful with his exhibition of paintings and studies in Japan.

At the annual meeting of the Art Students' League last week the following officers were elected: President, Mr. E. D. French; vice-presidents, Mr. B. L. Pratt and Miss S. M. Ketcham; and as members of the Board of Control, W. N. Marsh, A. L. Kellogg and E. W. Denning. Mr. French reported constantly increasing facilities for study, a larger attendance, and a higher quality of work produced in nearly all the classes. The treasurer, Mr. Marsh, reported the receipt of \$22,000 from students, and the expenditure of \$17,000 for instruction, rent and necessary expenses. The instructors at present are Messrs. W. M. Chase, Kenyon Cox, H. S. Mowbray, A. St. Gaudens, G. de Forest Brush, J. C. Beaufort, B. R. Fitz, J. H. Twachtman and Walter Shewell.

The third part of the Indian collection, the etchings of Charles Mervon, may be seen at the gallery of Messrs. Wunderlich & Co.

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